

REMARKS

The claims have been revised in a sincere attempt to place the case in immediate condition for allowance. The allowance of claims 22 to 43 and 45 to 50 and the courtesy of the Examiner in discussing the case with the undersigned on February 18, 2005 are noted with appreciation. Applicants appreciate also the detail provided by the Examiner explaining her positions in each of the rejections. It is believed, for reasons given below, that the claims patentably define over the art and comply with the formal requirements of the Patent Code.

Claims 19 to 21 have been amended and claims 50 to 53 have been canceled, mooted the art rejection of the latter claim set.

Claim 19 has been amended to specify that Ar3 represents a phenylene group and to have X represent a group of structural formula (2) shown in the specification on page 17. Claims 20 and 21 are now dependent claims, each depending from claim 19. Claim 20 specifies that Ar3 is a p-phenylene group and claim 21 specifies that Ar3 is a m-phenylene group.

The rejection of claims 19 to 21 under the first and second paragraphs of 35 USC 112 was noted and discussed with the Examiner. Changes have been made in those claims to overcome the rejections. If the Examiner, following her review of the most recent claim changes believes that other language is more appropriate, she is asked to contact the undersigned.

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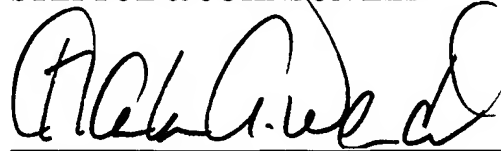
The rejection of claims 19 and 20 under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by Kawamura et al. '129 is believed overcome by the change in claim 19; the rejection of claim 21 under 35 USC 103 over that reference is believed to be overcome also. The changes in the definitions of the Ar3, X and Y moieties are believed patentably to distinguish the claims over the reference.

The rejection of claims 19 to 21 under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over Nakaya et al. '557 in view of Van Slyke et al. '432 is also believed overcome as a result of the changes to claim 19. The Examiner acknowledged on page 7 of the Office Action that the substituent corresponding to X shown in the reference is not that of general formula(2) on page 17 of the specification; claim 19 has been amended to recite that formula. The rejection should be withdrawn.

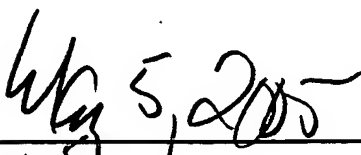
The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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